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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO AMBASSADOR BLACK TO VISIT TURKEY

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1. PRESS AND INFORMATION GENERAL DIRECTORATE, WHILE ESTABLISHED UNDER LAW WHICH RELATES TO MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND INFORMATION, IS ATTACHED DIRECTLY TO AND TAKES DIRECTION FROM PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. IN ANY CASE IT IS GOVERNMENT BODY, AND INVITATION TO AMBASSADOR BLACK IS OFFICIAL INVITATION.

2. HOWEVER, INVITATION IS TO AMBASSADOR BLACK PERSONALLY, NOT RPT NOT TO HER BY VIRTUE OF HER OFFICIAL POSITION. INVITATION WAS STIMULATED BY ILHAN CEVIK, PUBLISHER OF SMALL LOCAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER DAILY NEWS, AFTER HIS WIFE NURTEN CEVIK (PAPER'S SOCIETY EDITOR) INTERVIEWED AMBASSADOR BLACK IN WASHINGTON AND LEARNED HER BIRTHDAY (APRIL 23) COINCIDES WITH SIGNIFICANT TURKISH HOLIDAY (CHILDREN'S DAY AND NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY DAY, ANNIVERSARY OF CONVENING OF FIRST NATIONAL ASSEMBLY UNDER ATATURK).

3. IF INVITATION IS ACCEPTED, DOGAN KASAROGLU OF PRESS-INFO GENDIR WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED (A) HOW MANY DAYS AMBASSADOR BLACK COULD SPEND IN TURKEY; (B) ROUGHLY WHEN SHE WOULD ARRIVE; (C) ANY SPECIFIC PROGRAM DESIRES SHE HAS. KASAROGLU WOULD RESPOND WITH PLANE TICKET AND PROPOSED PROIBF

COVER ALL HER LOCAL EXPENSES. IF AMBASRADOR BLACK IS ACCOMPANIED BY SOMEONE, KASAROGLU'S
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OFFICE PROBABLY WOULD COVER AT LEAST SOME OF THAT PERSON'S

LOCAL EXPENSES, BUT NOT RPT NOT INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COSTS.

4. COMMENT: WE RECOMMEND AMBASSADOR BLACK ACCEPT INVITATION.
HER VISIT HERE WULD BE OCCASION FOR "MEDIA EVENT" AND
ATTENDANT POSITIVE COVERAGE, BEARING ONU.S.-TURKISH TIES
IN INFORMAL BUT VISIBLE FASHION.
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